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Welcome to the General Land Office



Welcome to the summer 2008 edition of *Field Notes*, the newsletter about the state's oldest agency—the Texas General Land Office.

If you're familiar with the GLO, you know we're involved in many activities, and this edition of *Field Notes* reflects that diversity.

For example, the GLO is in the forefront of renewable energy in Texas. The agency was the first to lease offshore land for a wind farm, and the first wind farm in the state was built on Permanent School Fund land. Now we're involved with solar energy, and in a big way. Find out more in the article about our solar energy lease with Austin Energy.

From West Texas we move to the coast with an article about the Zeus, a derelict offshore drilling platform in the Freeport Ship Channel. You can read articles about other GLO coastal activities such as our Adopt-A-Beach spring cleanup, which was a huge success, and the winner of the annual Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest.

There's also a piece about the controversial Christmas Mountains issue that has made so many headlines. I've become well acquainted with these mountains, as you'll learn in the article.

Of course, what makes the GLO work so well is its people, and you can find out more about two of them—James LeGrand and Jim Irwin—in this edition.

Thanks for taking time to learn about the General Land Office and its hard-working people. If you have any questions, please refer to the last page where you'll find contact information for each department at the agency.

Sincerely,

Jerry Patterson
Commissioner

Patterson Takes Hands-on Approach to Christmas Mountains Issue

It wasn't long ago that few folks had heard of Christmas Mountains Ranch, a 9,269-acre Permanent School Fund tract in the ruggedly beautiful Big Bend area. But over the course of the last year, the tract has become embroiled in controversy and the subject of dozens of news stories and editorials. Almost all of these stories

have painted a less than flattering picture of the man who started the controversy—Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson.

One thing even his fiercest critics can't claim, is that Patterson hasn't worked hard to study the Christmas Mountains issue. Patterson has paid

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several visits to the tract in the last year in an effort to gain a better understanding of it. He's done two grueling hikes in the mountains and took a bone-jarring 5-mile ride on an ATV, the latter trip in conjunction with a Texas Monthly reporter and the publisher of a local newspaper.

The trip with Texas Monthly's S.C. Gwynne took place in January, when the weather is bearable. Gwynne flew to the mountains in Patterson's ancient, single-engine Citabria. The Citabria—which has a fabric skin instead of metal—has room for two: Patterson the pilot, and a passenger seated directly behind him in a tiny space. A highly maneuverable aircraft that can land on tiny, unpaved airstrips, the Citabria is well suited for the Christmas Mountains' primitive conditions.

Waiting for Patterson and Gwynne at the terminus of their 350-mile flight was the rest of the small party. Everyone climbed on ATVs and began an unforgettable journey. Gwynne's May 2008 article in Texas Monthly describes 1,000-foot peaks looming overhead and standing on the edge of a sheer 2,500-foot cliff near the



L-R: School Land Board Member Todd Barth, Big Bend Gazette Reporter John Waters, Commissioner Jerry Patterson and Deputy Commissioner Rene Truan carefully study a map before setting out on an 8-mile hike in the unforgiving Christmas Mountains in April.



The ruggedly beautiful Christmas Mountains Ranch is near Big Bend National Park in Brewster County. The future of the 9,269-acre PSF property has been the subject of many articles and editorials over the last year.

tallest peak in the tract, where spectacular views were had of the Chisos Mountains of Big Bend National Park and the Sierra del Carmen in Mexico.

As if the bumpy ATV ride wasn't enough, the group hiked four hours the following day from the closest public access point in Big Bend National Park. Gwynne was able to verify that no trails exist between the park and the Christmas Mountains, which Patterson critics like to ignore.

"Right now, Texans can't get to this property," Patterson said. "I've made that four-hour hike, and believe me, the public deserves additional ways to get to the property, regardless of whether the state or federal government owns the land."

Patterson has directed his legal staff to create a permanent public easement between the Christmas Mountains Ranch and Big Bend National Park. This easement will allow public access across the mile-long common border. Private property surrounds 18 miles of the tract's 19-mile boundary.

Patterson's April 30 hike in the mountains was the longest yet—8 miles over daunting terrain. Accompanying him were Rene Truan, Deputy Commissioner of Professional Services; Bill Warnick, Chief Counsel and Deputy Commissioner of Legal Services; Trace Finley, Deputy Commissioner of Policy and

Governmental Affairs; LaNell Aston of the Executive Office; Ned Polk of Professional Services; Paul Loeffler of Professional Services, and Keith Heard of the Office of Communications.

Patterson—a staunch Second Amendment advocate—almost always carries a concealed handgun, and there's good reason for doing so in the Christmas Mountains. The tract is very close to the Mexican border, where drug and weapons smuggling occurs. Land Office employees conducting inspections there avoid going alone whenever possible.

"When I'm in a state or national park, I'm armed," Patterson said. "An unconstitutional rule promulgated by a federal bureaucracy is not sufficient to deny me that right."

Patterson's insistence that hunting and firearms be allowed in the Christmas Mountains has been the main sticking point in keeping the National Park Service from acquiring the property. But rule changes proposed by Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne would respect state laws regarding the carrying of concealed firearms in federal parks.

Patterson said the ban on carrying concealed firearms in national parks was unconstitutional and never should have been inflicted on Americans these past 25 years.

"The Bill of Rights enumerates a right to 'keep and bear arms,'" Patterson said. "I should not be required to forgo my Second Amendment, or for that matter my First, Fourth or Fifth Amendment rights just because I happen to be in a park."



Keith Heard, a GLO staffer and former TV journalist, prepares to record the view from the highest point in the Christmas Mountains.

Land Office, Austin Energy Sign Historic Solar Energy Lease on PSF Land

Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson and Austin Mayor Will Wynn announced an agreement on April 18 that paves the way for the first utility-scale solar array in Texas.

"We all know the West Texas sun is powerful. This agreement is the first step in determining how that power can be harnessed," Patterson said. "I commend Austin Energy for pioneering this new frontier."

Wynn said Austin Energy's lease of 438 acres of West Texas land belonging to the Permanent School Fund shows the city-owned utility is serious about its commitment to installing 100 megawatts of solar capacity by 2020.

"Austin Energy isn't afraid to run out ahead of the pack when it comes to developing clean, renewable sources of power," Wynn said. "I think you'll see others follow our lead."

The lease agreement allows Austin Energy the right to use 438 acres of Permanent School Fund land in Reeves County, just south of Pecos. Austin Energy will be able to do research and build groundbreaking solar technology at the site.

The utility-scale solar array will easily be the largest in Texas, which to date has a total statewide capacity of 6 megawatts of solar energy facilities—less than one-sixteenth of the ultimate capacity Austin Energy hopes to attain.

Power from the West Texas solar array may someday help light up homes in Austin. Proceeds from the lease will benefit the Texas Permanent School Fund, which helps pay for the state's share of public education funding.

The partnership between the Renewable Energy Division of the Land Office and Austin Energy signifies an important first step in assessing and developing the solar potential of West Texas state lands.

With the dramatic price increases for both oil and natural gas, and with the Public Utility Corporation already urging Texans to



Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, left, and Austin Mayor Will Wynn chat with students of O. Henry Middle School in Austin after their historic solar lease announcement. The school gets power from its own solar array.

slash electricity consumption this summer, the prospects for renewable energy have never looked better in the Lone Star State. Like wind power, the "fuel" for solar farms is free and will last virtually forever, generating a dependable revenue stream for Texas schoolchildren.

Patterson created the Renewable Energy Division at the Land Office in 2007 to focus on developing renewable energy resources on state lands for the benefit of the state's Permanent School Fund. With the Austin Energy solar lease agreement, the GLO is making money for the PSF through three different renewable energy sources: solar, wind and geothermal.

Austin Energy's GreenChoice® program has been the No. 1 utility-sponsored green power program in the nation for sales every year since 2002.

About Commissioner Jerry Patterson

On November 7, 2006, Jerry Patterson was re-elected as the 27th Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office. Born in Houston, Texas on November 15, 1946, Jerry Patterson has dedicated his life to public service. Graduating from Texas A&M, Class of 1969 and receiving his commission in the United States Marine Corps, Patterson volunteered for duty in Vietnam in 1972 and was later designated as a Naval Flight Officer and served in Marine fighter squadrons until his retirement from the Marine Corps Reserve as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1993.

Five consecutive generations of Patterson's family have served our nation in time of war. Patterson is a life member of the VFW, American Legion and Vietnam Veterans of America. As state senator for District 11 (Harris, Galveston, Brazoria), Patterson's major

legislative successes include passage of the historic concealed handgun law, a constitutional amendment allowing home equity lending, the state coastal management plan and the creation of the Texas State Veterans Home Program. A tireless advocate for his fellow veterans, he chaired the first Veterans Affairs committee in the Texas Senate and hosted the first POW/MIA day at the Texas Capitol.

Jerry and his wife Jennifer reside in Austin. Commissioner Patterson has four children: twins Samantha and Cole, born in 2004, Emily and Travis. His daughter Emily is an attorney working in Kosovo for an agency funded by the U.S. State Department. His son Travis is a graduate of Texas A&M, where he was commissioned as a Marine Lieutenant. He recently returned from duty in Iraq as a U.S. Marine attack helicopter pilot.

Chief Administrative Officer Helps Take the Load Off Chief Clerk

A year and a half into his new role as Chief Administrative Officer, James LeGrand feels everything is going pretty much as planned. "It was a new concept for everyone involved," he said. "I think we are right on schedule."

After Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson's re-election in 2006, the Transition Team that helped transfer duties and responsibilities from the Dewhurst administration in 2002 was reassembled to take a look at the previous four years and plan for the next four years. The Transition Team identified areas where some adjustments could be made that would help the overall mission of the agency.

One issue the team identified was the allocation of Chief Clerk Larry Laine's time. As a result, the Chief Administrative Officer position was created. "We wanted to take some of the load off the Chief Clerk's office that tended to consume a majority of his time," LeGrand said.

The new office is responsible for overseeing the Administration, Information Systems and Human Resources divisions of the GLO.

"When you have a large number of divisions, you want to be fair—timewise—to everyone, but the reality is that some issues are more time consuming than others. There are only so many hours in the day," LeGrand explained. "We wanted the Chief Clerk to be able to assist the Commissioner on moving the agency forward, allowing him time to focus on more 'big picture' issues."

As far as Chief Clerk Laine is concerned, LeGrand's new role has been a big help.

"His working with these three divisions has given me more time to dedicate to the Commissioner's goals for our agency," Laine said.

LeGrand, a former Marine and graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, sees his job as the ultimate in customer service. "My job is to try to make it easier for the Deputy Commissioners of Administration, Human Resources and IS to do their jobs," he said, "and for the Chief Clerk to do his. I'm in a position to help get them the answers they need more quickly. If I can get approvals more quickly and cut through some of the red tape, then that helps everyone and every division in the agency. So far it's working and I think they like it."

Cheryl MacBride, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, says LeGrand is extremely supportive of the Administration, IS and HR areas and has a team focus. "Yet he always thinks about the Land Office as a whole," she said. "When we're making decisions and changes he thinks of the impact on the entire agency and not just one or two groups. He's very practical, has a great sense of humor, and is very loyal."



James LeGrand.

LeGrand tries to keep an open schedule and not lock himself into a lot of meetings. This allows him to respond to any issue at a moment's notice.

"James is great to work with," said Terri Loeffler, Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources. "He takes the time to really listen and learn all sides of an issue and he'll work with us to creatively seek practical solutions. He's definitely not afraid of a challenge. Working with James has been a very positive, collaborative process."

LeGrand enjoys helping deputies from every program area.

"He takes care of a lot of things for me," said Gary Hagood, Deputy Commissioner for Financial Management. "He helps a lot of deputies. He's the guy who makes sure we allocate resources necessary for them to do their jobs."

LeGrand believes that fast, efficient and friendly support divisions benefit the entire agency. "We are a team here at the GLO," he said. "I spend most of my time with Terri, Cheryl and Steve (Paxman), but will help anyone, anytime."

And by fast, efficient, and friendly, he means, "Less bureaucratic. I hate it. There probably isn't one thing we do around here that couldn't be improved. We need to always be asking ourselves: Is this the best way to do it? Is it the most efficient? If it's a rule, let's change it. If it's a law, let's work to get it changed. If there's a problem, I never want to hear, 'Well, that's the way we've always done it.' Take the initiative."

LeGrand doesn't wait for issues to come knocking on his door. He'll drop in on deputies to ask how things are coming along and if he can be of help.

One thing LeGrand learned in the Marine Corps was the value of pushing authority for decision-making down to the lowest levels. He avoids micro-managing deputies and is comfortable with them making any decision.

"I tend to trust that a person is capable of doing his/her job without micro-managing them," LeGrand said. "The deputies I work with are all capable, competent professionals who know their jobs better than I do. I'm just an extra set of hands."

Did you know ...

... that the GLO owns the first draft of the Republic of Texas Constitution?

Nearly 5,400 Adopt-A-Beach Volunteers Clean Texas Coast During Spring Cleanup

Bad weather and high gas prices didn't stop 5,491 Texans from taking time in late April to haul more than 98 tons of trash off Texas beaches as part of the Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup.

"That's 196,875 pounds of junk off 153 miles of Texas beaches and that's impressive," said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office. "Anyone who loves the beach should be grateful for what this small army of volunteers accomplished."

Adopt-A-Beach volunteers helped identify and recover two Kemp's ridley turtle nests at Boca Chica. Beachcombers also found an interesting array of odd items including medical waste, yellow police tape, a turtle excluder device, a plastic cowboy, an Ecuadorian cigarette box, a Korean business card, a Bible, a Mexican kitchen doll, an old refrigerator full of old meat, a voodoo doll, a bowling pin, a hog's head, a wig, a male sexual aid, a pregnancy test, a water pipe and a weight bench with a full set of weights.

"What people find on our Adopt-A-Beach cleanups never ceases to amaze me," Patterson said.

Most of the trash consisted of typical items left by beachgoers: cigarette butts, soda cans, beer bottles, beach toys and tires. This mix of trash has changed over the years that Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have walked the beaches. When the program started in



Adopt-A-Beach volunteers helped identify and recover two Kemp's ridley turtle nests at Boca Chica.



Young Adopt-A-Beach volunteers show off the patches they earned during the spring beach cleanup.

1986, the bulk of trash on Texas beaches washed ashore from international ships that simply dumped it overboard. Since then, data collected by Adopt-A-Beach volunteers has helped to pass an international shipping treaty that bans such sloppy practices and requires all oceangoing vessels to dispose of their trash responsibly while in port.

The Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup is an all-volunteer effort to remove trash from Texas' shores. Coastal cleanups are held three times each year and the program's success is due to the hard work of volunteers, including local coordinators who work many unpaid hours publicizing the cleanups in coastal communities.

Texas beaches continue to receive large amounts of marine debris due to a convergence of currents in the Gulf of Mexico. Since 1986, more than 371,000 Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up more than 7,000 tons of this debris, some of it originat-

ing from as far away as South America. Volunteers record data on the trash to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas' 367 miles of coastline.

The Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup is one of three all-volunteer seasonal cleanups coordinated through the Texas General Land Office. The next coastwide cleanup will be the Fall Adopt-A-Beach effort scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2008.

The success of the Adopt-A-Beach Program is made possible by the generous efforts of dedicated volunteers and the strong support of community leaders and sponsors across the state. This year the Adopt-A-Beach Program thanks its statewide Spring Cleanup sponsors: National Oilwell Varco, Royal Caribbean, ExxonMobil, Stormwater Solutions, Halliburton, Starbucks and in-kind sponsor Keep Texas Beautiful.

To learn more about items collected at the cleanup, and for information on the health of the Texas coast, visit the Adopt-A-Beach Program Web site at www.texasadoptabeach.org, or contact the Texas General Land Office at 1-877-TXCOAST (1-877-892-6278).



Port Lavaca volunteers enjoy a hot dog lunch after the spring beach cleanup.

Zeus Comes Down in Controlled Demolition

After towering over the Freeport Ship Channel for more than 17 years, demolition of the derelict Zeus offshore oil rig began in early May, beginning with the south and west legs of the structure. The remaining 150-ton leg came down on May 22—a little more than a week before the hurricane season began on June 1. With the rig's jack-up legs removed, the rig is more stable and far less likely to topple into the ship channel due to high winds.

"Removing the Zeus from the Freeport Ship Channel is a major safety, economic and environmental success," said Commissioner Jerry Patterson. "This averts a potential disaster. It's been a long time coming, but I'm proud to say that because of a cooperative effort between the state, Brazoria County and Port Freeport, we're getting it done."

Now that the three jack-up legs are down, employees of Cleveland Wrecking Co. will break the platform down into manageable pieces for safe removal. The \$1.7 million Land Office contract with Cleveland Wrecking requires the rig to be safe from storms before the worst part of hurricane season. Cleveland Wrecking had most of the job done by July, and is currently dismantling the inside of the rig.

The Zeus has been a major headache for Oil Spill's Region 2, which has its headquarters in La Porte, since toxic pollutants were found to be leaking from the derelict mobile offshore rig in September 2006.

Patterson said the owner of the Zeus, who bought it for \$1 in

2004, had been given every opportunity to remove the rig from state waters at his own expense. But once the Zeus began leaking oil, it became clear the rig needed to go.

In June 2007, an administrative hearing requested by the owner resulted in a decision by the hearing examiner to assess administrative penalties of \$700 a day, beginning on April 19, 2007, until the rig is removed. In July 2007, Patterson issued an emergency order to remove the Zeus from state waters.

Rather than removing the rig, the Zeus' owner then filed a federal lawsuit against the Land Office, seeking a temporary restraining order to block the removal of the derelict rig. The court denied the owner's request.



Once the jack-up legs on the Zeus were removed, the derelict offshore rig was no longer a threat to block the Freeport Ship Channel.

Irwin Helps "Men in White" Turn Their Lives Around

Jim Irwin of Energy Resources has been in and out of prison for the past seven years, but not because he's broken any laws. He's one of more than 60 Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc. volunteers who try to change the lives of inmates at the Reuben Torres Unit in Hondo and the Dolph Briscoe Unit in Frio County.

Working in concert with the chaplaincy department of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the ecumenical Christian program is offered to anyone who wants to attend.

During an intensive four-day "Kairos weekend," volunteers like Irwin work with 42 "men in white," encouraging them to overcome their psychological and spiritual life challenges. The recidivism rate for Kairos graduates is around 10 percent, compared to nearly 75 per percent for the general population.

"Choosing between a few vacation days in prison twice a year or a trip to Las Vegas has not been a tough choice," Irwin said. "Some folks may think I am not playing with a full deck, but I like to go



Jim Irwin.

because I cannot stay out after witnessing the impact on these lives."

Typically, the Torres Unit chaplain receives several hundred applications from the 1,500 inmates. There are 42 openings for each Kairos

weekend and two weekends are presented each year. Some volunteers return to the unit each week and some once a month to sustain those who commit to the program.

At the Torres Unit, more than 750 inmates have been part of the program over the last nine years, and many graduates have been paroled. Volunteers are raising funds for a building inside the Torres Unit to serve as an educational facility and place of worship for all faiths.

"With help from new volunteers, we expanded and just completed our second weekend at the Briscoe Unit, having reached out to a total of 84 men in white," Irwin said.

Each volunteer brings along 50 dozen homemade cookies during a Kairos weekend, or nearly 3,000 dozen for the entire team. Every inmate and correctional officer gets a dozen cookies, and the rest are enjoyed by the 42 inmates attending the Kairos weekend, the 40 outside volunteers and the 20 inmate graduates who serve food and drinks to new attendees.

Monica Guerra, Tracey Throckmorton and Jesse Arellano of Energy Resources, and Metha Kester of Financial Management have made many cookies for the Kairos volunteers.

Irwin and the other team members work at a men's TDCJ unit, so it's not possible for women to join in a Kairos weekend. But Kairos weekends are made possible by a group of about 20 women who prepare food for the 40 volunteer men as well as participating inmates.

"We take in our own home-cooked food and fresh fruit," Irwin said. "Many of the men acknowledge that they first came for the food. However, at the conclusion of the weekend, they also acknowledge that they found so much more of value than the food."

Emily Xiao Wins the Adopt-A-Beach Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest



Emily Xiao's award winning artwork.

Emily Xiao, a sixth-grade student at Westbrook Intermediate School in Friendswood, won top honors in the Texas General Land Office's 2008 Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest. A total of 40 students from across Texas also received honors for their artwork depicting their love for the Texas coast.

Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office, selected Emily's work from 5,830 entries submitted by Texas schoolchildren.

"Emily's use of the Adopt-A-Beach logo on the T-shirt of a flag-waving Texan was clever, it really set her entry apart from the rest," Patterson said. "Her art will now be seen across the state, and help the General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach Program carry the message that 'Trashing Texas Beaches Isn't Cool.'"

Emily's winning entry depicts a bearded man, wearing an Adopt-A-Beach T-shirt, next to a recycling bin on an immaculate beach, alive with crabs, sharks and seagulls. The Adopt-A-Beach slogan, "Trashing Texas Beaches Isn't Cool," fills the sky above the Gulf water. The General Land Office will feature this and other

winning entries in the Children's Art Contest Calendar, which will be available in January 2009.

Emily, as grand prize winner, received two round-trip tickets to any Continental destination in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean or South America. Emily's sixth-grade class at Westbrook Intermediate School was treated to a party at one of three Schlitterbahn Waterparks in New Braunfels, South Padre Island or Galveston. Emily's teacher also received two round-trip, coach-class tickets courtesy of Continental Airlines.

This year, 40 finalists were selected. The judges selected 10 winners in each of the four categories: Kindergarten, first-grade and second-grade, third-grade and fourth-grade, fifth-grade and sixth-grade. Emily's grand prize entry was selected from the list of finalists.

All 40 finalists received a ticket to the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, two all-day passes to Schlitterbahn Waterparks, prizes from Keep Texas Beautiful, a certificate of recognition from Commissioner Patterson and a calendar featuring the winning artwork.

The artwork of all 40 finalists was displayed at the State Capitol from May 14 to May 20. A special thank you goes to State Representative Larry Taylor, from League City, for sponsoring the exhibit.

All of the finalists' artwork can be viewed at the Adopt-A-Beach Web site at www.texasadoptabeach.org.

This year's contest sponsors were Continental Airlines, Schlitterbahn Waterparks, the Texas State Aquarium and Keep Texas Beautiful.

The annual contest is organized through the General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach Program. The contest began in 1996 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Beach Program. The annual competition encourages Texas schoolchildren to learn more about the Texas coast and express what they've learned in their art.

For more information and contest guidelines on the Treasures of the Texas Coast 2008 Children's Art Contest, please contact the General Land Office at 1-877-TXCOAST or visit our Web site at www.texasadoptabeach.org.

Treasures of the Texas Coast Art Contest Winners

Grades K, 1 & 2

Jessica Carmichael
Dripping Springs
Luke Farris, Flower Mound
Rocky Hernandez
Port Lavaca
Lauren Jackson, Fort Worth
Arel Leyva, Houston
Summer Martin, Abilene
Jolee Rosa, Port Lavaca
Colin Toro, Beaumont
Carmela Urdaneta, Cypress
Madison Worley, Watauga

Grades 3 & 4

Keilani Anguiano, Weslaco
Robert Bailey, Selma
Melody Boone, Spring
Sarah Case, Austin
Natalie Rae Esparza
Batesville
Jaid Fernandez, Fort Worth
Keunah Jang, Euless
Cameron Muzny
Eagle Lake
Patrick Shore, Longview
Arturo Vallejo
Corpus Christi

Grade 5

Allea Campbell, Houston
Alana Gilcrease, Vidor
Amanda DeGrasse
League City
Ashley Johnson
Flower Mound
Emily Lopez, El Paso
Ana Martinez
Friendswood
Oscar Martinez, El Paso
Lourde Palomo, Houston
Aubrey Rowley, Midland
Karina Sereno, Houston

Grade 6

Brianna Brumfield, Laredo
Alex Guillen, Friendswood
Emily Han, Friendswood
Elisha Hehir, Friendswood
Jesus Hernandez, Houston
Deyanira Macias
Brownsville
Delaney Sloan, Dallas
Savannah Wagner, Saginaw
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